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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
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Dear Supervisors:

CELIA ZAVALA
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT AND IMPLEMENT A FORTHCOMING
AWARD AND/OR AMENDMENTS FROM THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FIRST – PROPOSITION 10 COMMISSION
FOR THE HELP ME GROW SYSTEM CHANGE MODEL
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Provide authorization to accept and implement a forthcoming award and/or accept and implement future awards and/or amendments from the Los Angeles County Children and Families First – Proposition 10 Commission to support the continued implementation of the Help Me Grow system change model.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Delegate authority to the Director of the Department of Public Health (Public Health), or designee, to accept and implement a forthcoming award from the Los Angeles County Children and Families First – Proposition 10 Commission (First 5 LA) for the continued support of Public Health's Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Division (MCAH) as the Help Me Grow (HMG) Organizing Entity for the anticipated term effective July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, at an estimated amount of \$1,000,000, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, review by the Chief Executive Office (CEO) Risk Management, as needed, which may include significant contractual provisions required by First 5 LA that depart from standard Board-approved language, including insurance and indemnification, and notification to your Board and the CEO.

2. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Health, or designee, to accept future awards and/or amendments that are consistent with the provisions and requirements of the forthcoming awards that extend the term at amounts to be determined by First 5 LA; reflect revisions to the award's terms and

conditions; to include but not be limited to the rollover of unspent funds, redirection of funds, and/or increase or decrease in funding, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, and notification to your Board and the CEO.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of Recommendation 1 will allow Public Health to accept a forthcoming award from First 5 LA for the continued support for MCAH as the HMG Organizing Entity for Los Angeles County (County).

HMG is a national system change model which aims to improve the coordination and functioning of developmental and behavioral screening, assessment, and early intervention supports through four (4) essential core components: 1) Child Health Care Provider Outreach; 2) Community and Family Outreach; 3) Centralized Access Point; and 4) Data Collection and Analysis. HMG is a system framework for improving access to existing early childhood resources and services. It promotes cross-sector collaboration to implement and strengthen early screening and surveillance of developmental and behavioral delays for young children and links children at risk for delays and conditions to appropriate intervention services and support.

Public Health is responsible for long-term maintenance of a centralized access point; data collection and analysis; development and implementation of a continuous quality improvement plan; and convening stakeholder committees that advise the maintenance of the system.

Under the forthcoming award, Public Health and First 5 LA will enter into year six of the HMG system partnership. During the first five years of the partnership, Public Health worked with First 5 LA to plan, design, develop, and implement HMG in the County. The forthcoming award will allow Public Health to continue supporting stakeholder committees, data collection and analysis, and implement quality improvement initiatives while continuing to investigate options for long-term sustainability.

Approval of Recommendation 2 will allow Public Health to accept future awards and/or amendments that are consistent with the requirements of the award that extend the and/or adjust the term of the award, at amounts to be determined by First 5 LA; and reflect revisions to the award's terms and conditions; to include but not limited to the rollover of unspent funds, redirect of funds, and/or increase or decrease in funding. This recommended action will also enable Public Health to accept future awards and/or amendments that adjust the project period up to six months beyond the original term, in those instances where there has been an unanticipated extension of the term to allow additional time to complete services and utilize grant funding. This authority is being requested to enhance Public Health's efforts to expeditiously maximize grant revenue, consistent with Board policy 4.070: Full Utilization of Grant Funds.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions support Strategy II.2, Support the Wellness of Our Communities, of the County's Strategic Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Public Health will accept forthcoming awards and/or amendments from First 5 LA for an anticipated one-year term with the effective date of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, at a total estimated amount of \$1,000,000. Funds will support employee salaries and benefits, indirect costs,

maintenance of a centralized access point, coordination of data collection and analysis, and the continued implementation of a continuous quality improvement plan, and countywide expansion of the HMG system.

Funding was included in Public Health's fiscal year (FY) 2023-24 Recommended Budget and will be included in future FYs, as necessary.

There is no net County cost associated with this action.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

First 5 LA identified Public Health to serve as the HMG Organizing Entity in the development and implementation of an HMG system in the County. Under the strategic partnership, First 5 LA and Public Health advanced the coordination and implementation of system change efforts related to early identification developmental screenings, assessments, and early intervention programs for children.

Since 2018, Public Health has received funds from First 5 LA to support HMG. On February 16, 2023, First 5 LA notified Public Health of its intent to fund HMG for July 2023 through June 2024 up to \$1,000,000. Public Health is expected to continue supporting stakeholder committees, data collection and analysis, and implement quality improvement initiatives while continuing to investigate options for long-term sustainability.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended actions will allow Public Health to continue the implementation of the HMG system to support families with children with developmental and behavioral delays in the County.

Respectfully submitted,



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